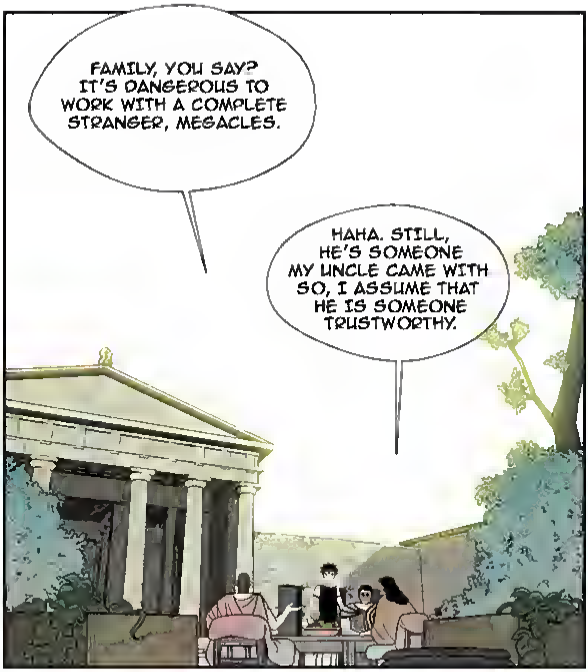
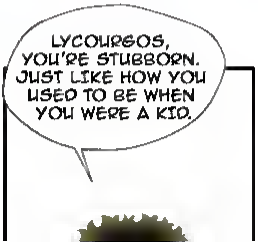
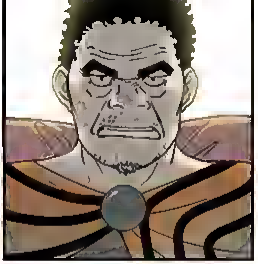
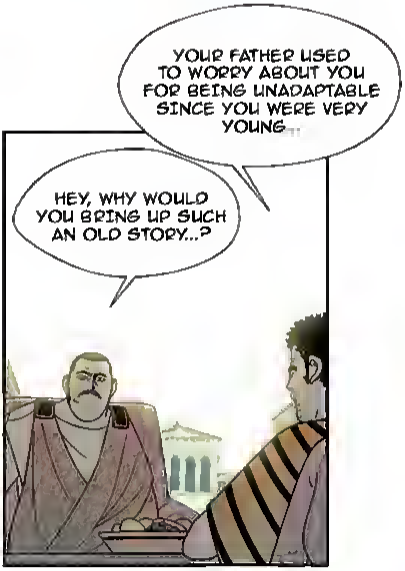
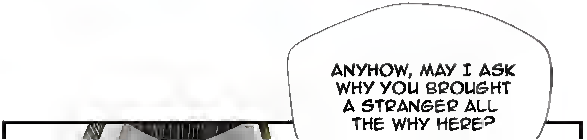
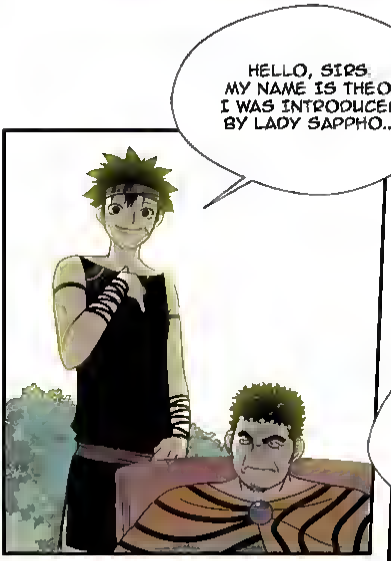

FAMILY, YOU SAY? IT'S DANGEROUS TO WORK WITH A COMPLETE STRANGER, MEGACLES.
HAHA. STILL, HE'S SOMEONE MY UNCLE CAME WITH SO, I ASSUME THAT HE IS SOMEONE TRUSTWORTHY.

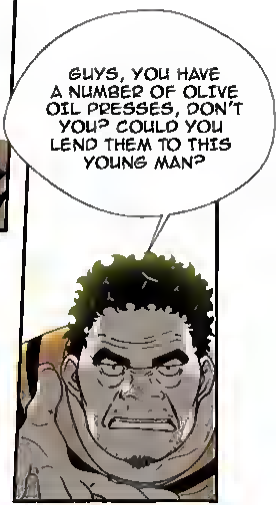

LYCOURGOS, YOU'RE STUBBORN. JUST LIKE HOW YOU USED TO BE WHEN YOU WERE A KID.



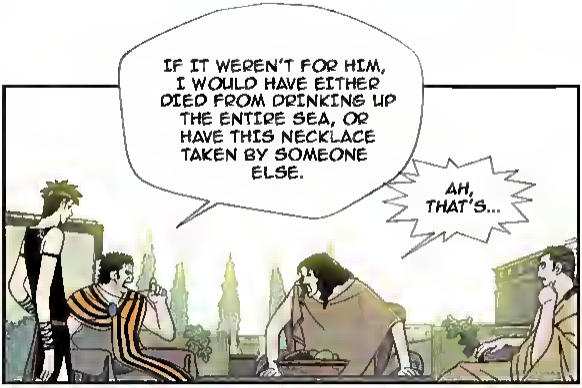

YOUR FATHER USED TO WORRY ABOUT YOU FOR BEING UNADAPTABLE SINCE YOU WERE VERY YOUNG...
HEY, WHY WOULD YOU BRING UP SUCH AN OLD STORY...?

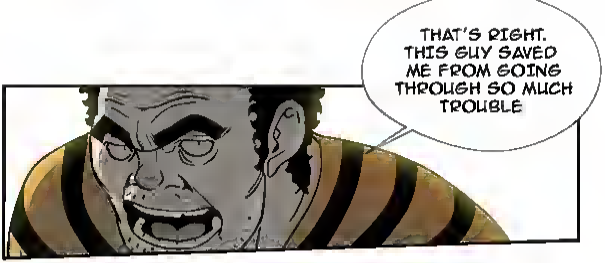

ANYHOW, MAY I ASK WHY YOU BROUGHT A STRANGER ALL THE WHY HERE?


HELLO, SIRS.
MY NAME IS THEO.
I WAS INTRODUCED
BY LADY SAPPHO...


GUYS, YOU HAVE
A NUMBER OF OLIVE
OIL PRESSES, DON'T
YOU? COULD YOU
LEND THEM TO THIS
YOUNG MAN?

WHAT? UNCLE, WHAT ON EARTH DO YOU MEAN ALL OF A SUDDEN...?
Oh! My God!


IF IT WEREN'T FOR HIM, I WOULD HAVE EITHER DIED FROM DRINKING UP THE ENTIRE SEA, OR HAVE THIS NECKLACE TAKEN BY SOMEONE ELSE.
AH, THAT'S...

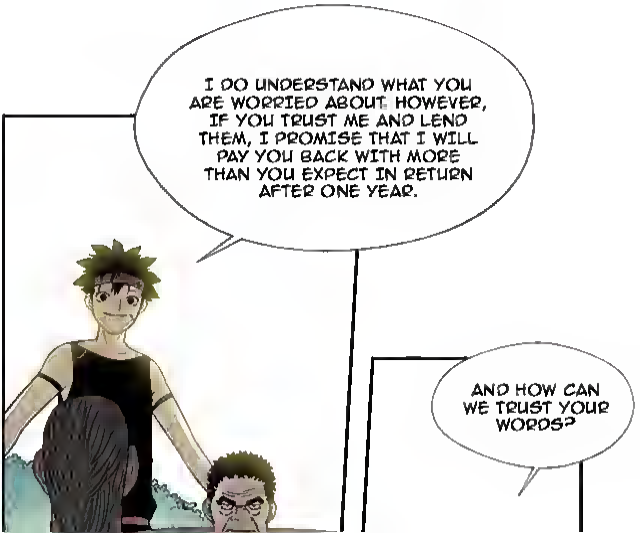

THAT'S RIGHT. THIS GUY SAVED ME FROM GOING THROUGH SO MUCH TROUBLE

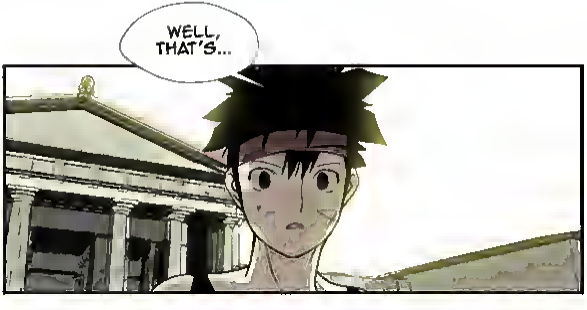
BUT I DO NOT HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH THAT, NOR HAVE I ANY REASON TO LEND HIM MY PRESSES.

WELL, YOU ARE AS SELFISH AS EVER. EVEN WHEN WE BROKE POTTERY TOGETHER WHILE PLAYING WITH OTHER KIDS, YOU SNUCK OUT ALL BY YOURSELF...

AW, PLEASE STOP...!
LYCOURGOS, YOU HAVE A DEBT TO PAY LADY SAPPHO, DON'T YOU? WHEN YOU WERE CAUGHT BY PIRATES AT KNOSSOS, SAPPHO WAS THE ONE WHO ARBITRATED FOR YOU. AM I WRONG?
TH...THAT'S...

BUT WE ALSO NEED THOSE OLIVE OIL PRESSES FOR OUR SALES AS WELL. MAKING PROFITS IS OUR PRIORITY AS MERCHANTS.

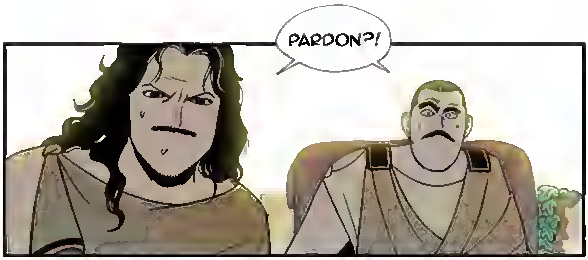

I DO UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU ARE WORRIED ABOUT. HOWEVER, IF YOU TRUST ME AND LEND THEM, I PROMISE THAT I WILL PAY YOU BACK WITH MORE THAN YOU EXPECT IN RETURN AFTER ONE YEAR.
AND HOW CAN WE TRUST YOUR WORDS?


WELL, THAT'S...

HMPH, FINE! I GET IT.
THUMP
SO, CONVICTION IS WHAT YOU NEED, HUH?

THEN, HOW ABOUT PLAYING A GAME?

YES?
HOW ABOUT THE THREE OF YOU DO A SALES COMPETITION? HUH?
I ALSO WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHAT THIS YOUNG MAN IS CAPABLE OF...


PARDON?!

FROM LONG AGO,
WE MERCHANT USED TO
DO A SALES COMPETITION
WHEN WE HAVE DISAGREEMENTS,
OR WHEN WE TRY TO MAKE NEW
FRIENDS AND GET TO KNOW
MORE ABOUT EACH OTHER.
HOW DOES IT SOUND?
ARE YOU NOT CONFIDENT?

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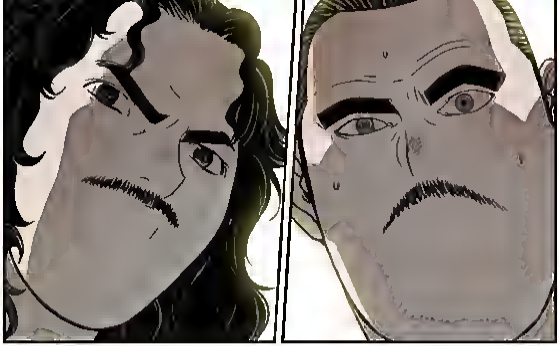
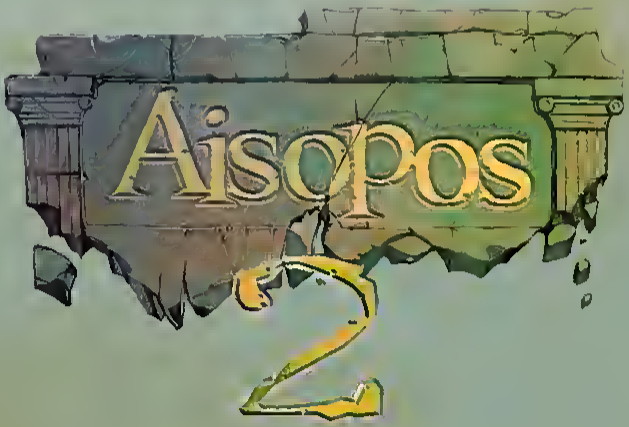
GROAN~

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EPISODE 89.
WALKING THE TIGHTROPE OF DESIRE(5)

ATHENS IS THE CENTER OF GREEK COMMERCE WITH NO DOUBT. IT'S WHERE MANY PEOPLE BUY AND SELL GOODS.

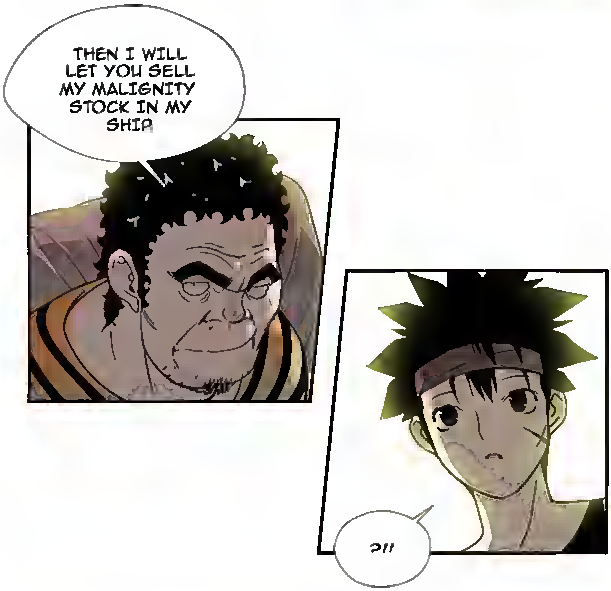
THE RULE IS SIMPLE. EACH OF YOU CHOOSE A PRODUCT TO SELL, AND THE ONE WHO HAD SOLD THE MOST BY THE END OF THE DAY WINS.

WHAT PRODUCT SHOULD WE SELL?
THAT'S UP TO YOU. MAYBE YOU CAN SELL THE PRODUCT THAT'S MOST LIKELY TO BE SOLD FAST.

THEN, THE WINNER IS ALREADY DECIDED I HAVE TENS OF BOXES OF CURE-ALL HERB, SILPHIUM, THAT'S PRICELESS BECAUSE IT'S VERY RARE.
THEN, I'LL CHOOSE WOOL IT'S SOMETHING EVERYONE NEEDS, SO IF I LOWER THE PRICE JUST A BIT, PEOPLE WILL BE EAGER TO BUY IT.

HOW ABOUT YOU, THEO?
I...

TRUTHFULLY, I DON'T HAVE ANY GOODS WITH ME AT THE MOMENT. I CAME HERE TO GET OIL PRESSES, SO I EVEN EMPTIED MY SHIP BEFORE COMING HERE...


THEN I WILL LET YOU SELL MY MALIGNITY STOCK IN MY SHIP.
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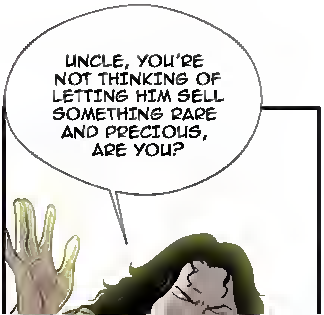
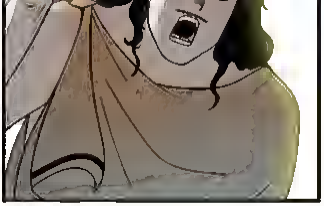
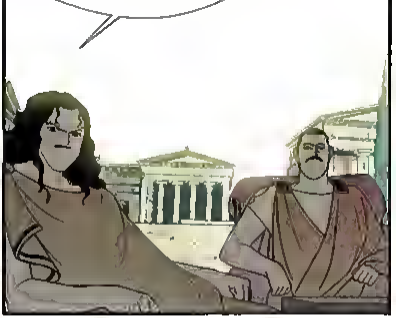

UNCLE, YOU'RE NOT THINKING OF LETTING HIM SELL SOMETHING RARE AND PRECIOUS, ARE YOU?



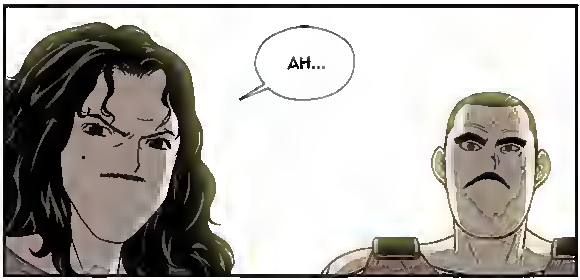
NO, THEY'RE JUST HOES THAT YOU USE TO DIG GROUND.
YES?

ATHENS IS FAMOUS FOR ITS BARREN LAND THAT'S HARD TO CULTIVATE. SO, I PURCHASED A LOT OF HOES FROM ANOTHER COUNTY, BUT I COULDN'T SELL MANY. MAYBE I BOUGHT TOO MANY OF THEM.
SILPHIUM VERSUS HOES, WHAT A MATCH!
UNCLE, DON'T YOU THINK IT'S UNFAIR FOR THAT YOUNG MAN?



YES, I AGREE.
IT SHOULD BE
DISADVANTAGEOUS
FOR HIM

HOWEVER, SINCE WHEN DID WE, MERCHANTS, CARE ABOUT FAIRNESS SO MUCH WHEN IT COMES TO MAKING MONEY?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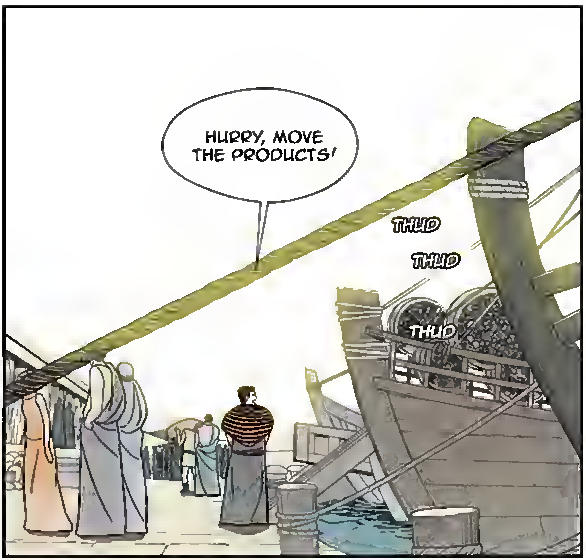
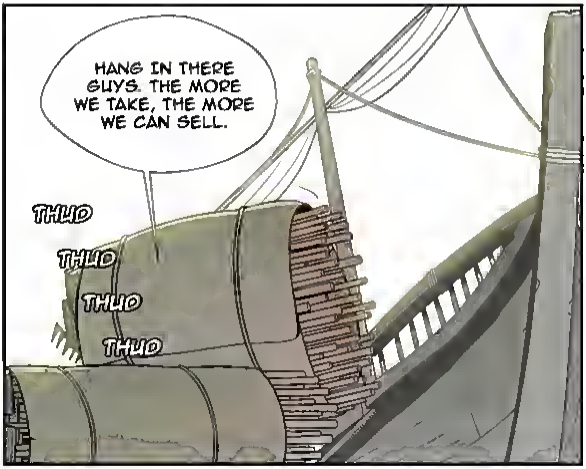
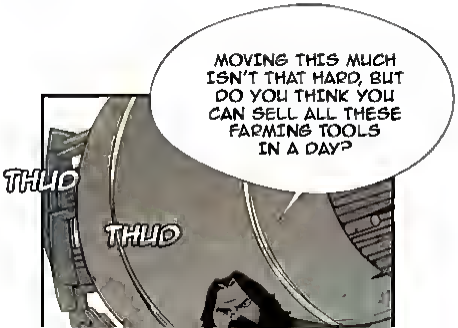
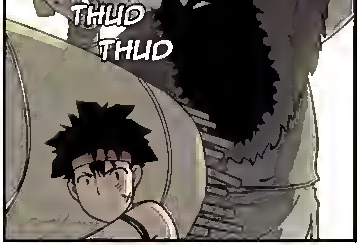

HURRY, MOVE THE PRODUCTS!
THUD
THUD
THUD


HANG IN THERE GUYS. THE MORE WE TAKE, THE MORE WE CAN SELL.
THUD
THUD
THUD
THUD


MOVING THIS MUCH ISN'T THAT HARD, BUT DO YOU THINK YOU CAN SELL ALL THESE FARMING TOOLS IN A DAY?
THUD
THUD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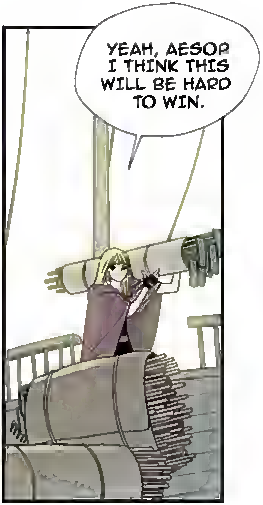
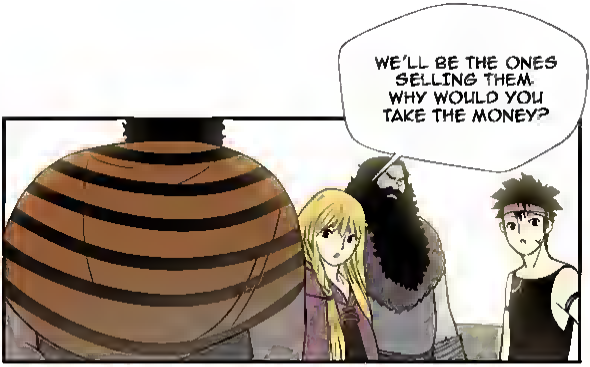

YEAH, AESOP I THINK THIS WILL BE HARD TO WIN.

WE'VE GOT TO TRY AT LEAST. THEY'RE SELLING MUCH MORE PRECIOUS PRODUCTS. SO, IF WE WIN, THE REWARD WE'LL RECEIVE COULD BE MUCH BIGGER THAN WE THINK.

EXACTLY! YOU'RE RIGHT. INDEED, I DO HAVE AN EYE FOR SOMETHING.

PLEASE SELL AS MANY AS YOU CAN, AND BRING ME LOTS OF MONEY!


WE'LL BE THE ONES SELLING THEM. WHY WOULD YOU TAKE THE MONEY?

OF COURSE I SHOULD! YOU'RE SELLING MY PRODUCTS, SO I WILL BE THE ONE TAKING THE PROFIT.
INSTEAD, IF YOU GUYS WIN, THIS GUY GETS TO BORROW THE OIL PRESSES, SO ISN'T IT GOOD FOR BOTH OF US?
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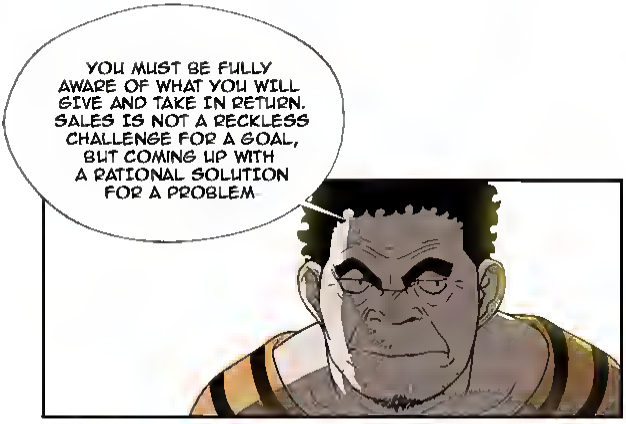
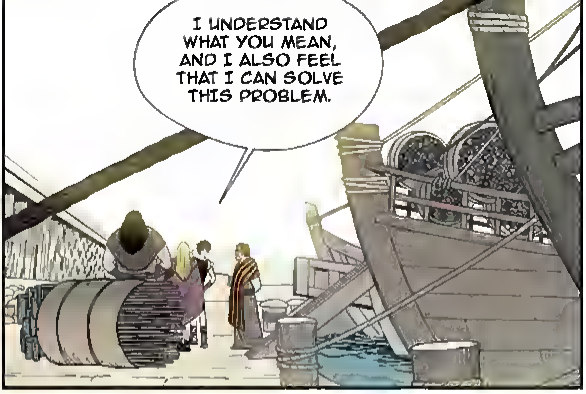
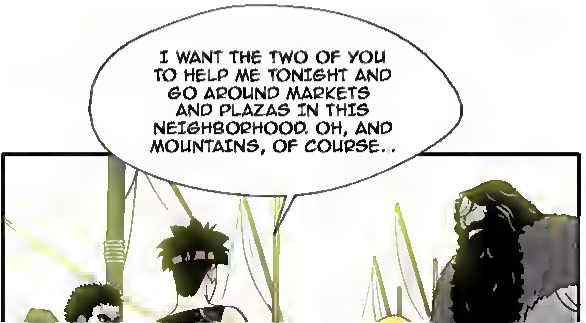
I'M A MERCHANT, AND THAT'S WHAT COMMERCE IS LIKE. YOU SHOULDN'T SELL GOODS WITHOUT THINKING. YOU SHOULD START A BUSINESS WHEN EVERYTHING IS SET INSIDE YOUR HEAD.


YOU MUST BE FULLY AWARE OF WHAT YOU WILL GIVE AND TAKE IN RETURN. SALES IS NOT A RECKLESS CHALLENGE FOR A GOAL, BUT COMING UP WITH A RATIONAL SOLUTION FOR A PROBLEM

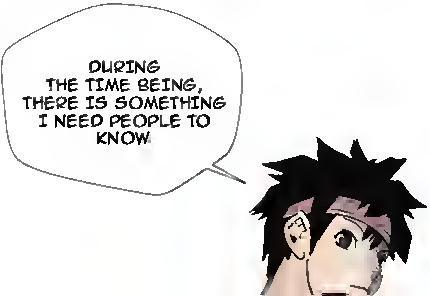

I UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU MEAN, AND I ALSO FEEL THAT I CAN SOLVE THIS PROBLEM.

OH, HOW?


I WANT THE TWO OF YOU TO HELP ME TONIGHT AND GO AROUND MARKETS AND PLAZAS IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD. OH, AND MOUNTAINS, OF COURSE..

WHAT FOR?

THE SALES STARTS AFTER THE SUN RISES TOMORROW AND ENDS WHEN THE SUN SETS..


DURING THE TIME BEING, THERE IS SOMETHING I NEED PEOPLE TO KNOW

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